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hibit of tetanus germs and other bacilli to be made by the institute.

DR. H. W. WILEY delivered a lecture at Lehigh University on April 15, on the 'Work of the Bureau of Chemistry,' and before the Sigma Xi Society of Yale University on April 16, on 'Food Adulterations and how to Study their Effects.' After the lecture a smoker was held at the Graduates Club.

PROFESSOR E. RUTHERFORD, of McGill University, lectured on 'Radium' to a large audience at the Ohio State University on April 12. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Society of the Sigma Xi.

SIR HENRY THOMPSON, the distinguished surgeon, has died at the age of eighty-four years.

THE Carnegie Institution has made a grant of \$1,500 in continuation of last year's grant aiding the new reduction of Piazzi's 160,000 star observations. This work, under the direction of Dr. Herman S. Davis, Gaithersburg, Md., is now well advanced, previous assistance having also been rendered by Miss Bruce and by the National Academy of Sciences which continues its aid. A reobservation of all the southern stars of Piazzi's catalogue by Professor Tucker has recently been issued as Vol. VI. of the *Lick Observatory Publications* and a similar work for all the northern stars by Professor Porter will be an early publication of the Cincinnati Observatory. Other cooperators, both in this country and in Italy, are expected to complete the entire work in five years or less. It has now been in continuous progress nearly eight years.

A BILL is before Congress appropriating one million dollars to be used in the erection of a building for the United States Geological Survey.

PLANS have been prepared for a new hospital for New York City to cost \$11,000,000.

THE State Cancer Laboratory at Buffalo will receive its annual appropriation of \$15,000 from the New York legislature. The chairman of the senate finance committee, who cut the item out, finally agreed that it be retained in the supply bill.

THE large collection of North American Diptera which was presented to the American

Museum of Natural History recently by Professor William M. Wheeler, curator of invertebrate zoology, has been combined with the collection formerly the property of the museum and is ready for use by students.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE Iowa legislature has made the following appropriation:

##### IOWA STATE COLLEGE.

Annual support fund.....	\$50,000
Iowa Agrl. Exp. Station, annually.....	15,000
Engineering Experiments .....	6,000
For the completion of the central bldg....	95,000
For central heating plant.....	54,500
For good roads experimentation.....	7,000
For dairy building and equipment, and farm	84,500
For additional support for repair fund,	
annually .....	4,500

##### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Annual support fund.....	\$25,000
For the repair and contingent fund,	
annually .....	7,500
\$143,000 divided as follows:	
Library .....	20,000
Equipment and supplies.....	20,000
Paving for tunnel and extension.....	18,000
Land .....	25,000
Engineering building.....	50,000
For dam and water power.....	10,000

##### IOWA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Annually hereafter, increase support fund.	\$35,000
For the following purposes (\$13,000):	
Librarian and two assistants for	
library .....	5,000
Improvement of grounds.....	3,000
For fuel, engineer and fireman.....	5,000

At the recent convocation of the University of Chicago, President Harper acknowledged a gift of \$5,000 for special investigation in the department of physics, by the president of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, and a gift of \$10,000, by Miss Helen Snow as a memorial to George W. Snow, her father, to rebuild the horizontal telescope at Yerkes Observatory, which was injured by fire.

DR. THOMAS L. WATSON, since 1901 professor of geology in Denison University, has resigned to accept the chair of geology in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Virginia.